

Around the Services

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Navy

On the first leg of a scheduled five-month deployment, USS *Inchon* transited the Panama Canal on April 28. The last time the amphibious warfare ship passed through the canal was in November 1972 en route to Vietnam.



Air Force

F-16 aircrews with the 510th Fighter Squadron, which deployed to Turkey for Operation Northern Watch in June, will also have an additional combat search-and-rescue mission. The unit, one of three Air Force F-16 squadrons tasked with additional CSAR responsibility, was picked because of the F-16's multi-role talents, which include "good navigation and night capabilities," said squadron commander Lt. Col. Steve Schrader.



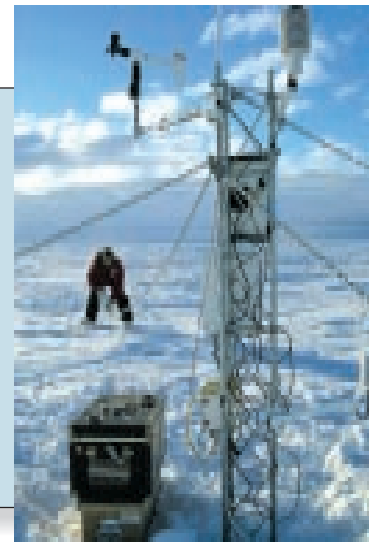
Marine Corps

Eighty students from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Business School recently participated in a special course in which the future managers and executives gained first-hand knowledge of how the military develops its leaders. Attending an abbreviated OCS course at Quantico, Va., the students experienced such time-honored military activities as 5 a.m. reveille formations, a leadership reaction course and an obstacle course.



Coast Guard

Iceberg tracking is one of many activities that interest scientists studying the polar icecaps. The Coast Guard recently transported a National Science Foundation team to the surface of a massive Antarctic iceberg so members could erect three weather stations that will follow the movement of the iceberg and track weather conditions on the surface of the ice. Using solar panels and batteries, the Global Positioning System equipment and other instruments at each station are expected to remain operational for the next five years.



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